



PREMIER IN THE COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2016



PREMIER EYE CARE AND ABANDONED PET RESCUE AT IT AGAIN!

During the month of August, the Community Service Committee will be collecting "Wish List" items on behalf of our furry friends at ABANDONED PET RESCUE (www.apr.rescuegroups.org). Collection receptacles are set up in the lobby area for your convenience.

Please consider helping out as this is a great community service event which is greatly appreciated by the volunteers and of course, the companion animals.

THE NO KILL EQUATION IS:

1. A Trap, Neuter, Release Program for Free-Living Cats
2. High-Volume, Low-Cost Spay/Neuter
3. Working with Rescue Groups
4. A Foster Care Program
5. Comprehensive Adoption Programs
6. Pet Retention Efforts
7. Medical and Behavioral Rehabilitation
8. Public Relations / Community Involvement
9. Working with Volunteers
10. Progressive Field Services & Proactive Redemptions
11. A Compassionate Director



NO-KILL SHELTERS

A "no-kill" shelter is an animal shelter that does not kill healthy or treatable animals even when the shelter is full, reserving euthanasia for terminally ill animals or those considered dangerous to public safety. A no-kill shelter uses many strategies to promote shelter animals; to expanding its resources using volunteers, excellent housing and medical protocols; and working to actively to lower the number of homeless animals entering the shelter system. As a benchmark, at least 90% of the animals entering the shelter are expected to be saved. The save rate must be based on all animals entering the shelter: "It does not matter if the animals are old, blind, deaf, missing limbs, or traumatized. All of these animals are worthy of our compassion, all of them can find homes, and all of them deserve to."

No kill advocate Nathan Winograd has developed a set of eleven life-saving practices outlined in the No Kill Equation Some of these programs include: Spay/neuter programs, adoption programs, Retention programs, volunteering, and partnering. No-Kill shelters are now a global phenomenon. India has the world's oldest no-kill traditions, and had the earliest instances of spaying/neutering of stray dogs. Italy has outlawed the euthanasia of healthy companion animals since 1991. The UK animal charity, Dog's Trust states in its constitution that "no mentally and physically healthy dog taken into the protection of the rescue/re-homing centers shall be destroyed." The charity runs 17 re-homing centers, which care for 16,000 dogs a year and house 1,400 dogs at any one time. It also operates a sanctuary for dogs that are unadoptable.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE AND MORE

Premier is purchasing 48 backpacks that will need to be filled for back-to-schoolers. These filled backpacks will be dropped off at drop off center for the Palm Beach School District. Specifically, we'll help out elementary school children get ready for the new academic year. We'll provide everything that needs to go in the packs but we need your help to actually fill them. We'll do it on a lunch hour and provide pizza. Email the community service committee if you're interested in helping out.

Also for back-to-school, there's a Back to School Bash on Saturday August 6th from 9am-3pm. It's at Village Academy Elementary School 400 SW 12th Ave Delray Beach, FL 33444. There is a mini-carnival in the back with rides for kids. Inside they have health checkups, shoe donations, backpack donations, school supplies, healthy food, haircuts, and much more!

ABOUT PREMIER EYE CARE

Premier's People, Planet, Profit triple bottom line means we are dedicated to helping the community. Contributions to 501(3)(c) charities since 2012 have topped \$600,000 and include diverse groups like the American Heart Assoc., the Drug Abuse Treatment Assoc., the Girl Scouts, Kenya Rescue, Tampa Crisis Center, Prevent Blindness, and more. Stay tuned for company-wide opportunities.



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